HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 423 By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kelly Pruett, 2005 Salutatorian of Portland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Pruett is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kelly Pruett has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Pruett has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating as a member of the Future Teachers of America, the Future Business Leaders of America, the National Honor Society, Youth Alive and Free, the National Council for the Social Studies, the Math Team, the Speech Team and the softball team; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Kelly was a four-year member of the Student Council serving as President this past year, a delegate to Girls' State and was a Peer Mediator at Portland High School for three years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Ms. Pruett received the Math Team Award, the Speech Team Award, the Student Council Award, took 5th place in the Smoky Mountain Forensic Competition and tied for 1st place in the District at the American Legion Oratorical Contest; and

WHEREAS, selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School*Students, Kelly Pruett is a member of the National Student Council and received the Silver Key

Award and the Academic Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, a very talented young lady who plays piano, writes poetry and actively participates in her community church, Kelly's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Kelly Pruett's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pruett's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2005 Portland High School Salutatorian, Kelly Pruett, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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